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SUBJECT: NEPAL'S CA ELECTION: POLLING COMPLETE

REF: KATHMANDU 438

First-Past-the-Post Update

¶1. On April 19, the two final constituencies concluded voting for the April 10 Constituent Assembly (CA) election. As of noon local time on April 21, the Communist Party of Nepal - Maoist had secured a full half of the 240 total first-past-the-post seats contested in the CA election. The Election Commission has announced the results for all but one of the seats.

Maoist - 120 seats; 50 percent

Nepali Congress (NC) - 37 seats; 15.4 percent

Communist Party of Nepal - United Marxist Leninist (UML) - 33 seats; 13.8 percent

Madhesi People's Rights Forum (MPRF) - 29 seats; 12.1 percent

Other Madhesi parties - 13 seats; 5.4 percent

Minor left parties - 5 seats; 2.1 percent

Independents - 2 seats; 0.8 percent

Proportional Representation Update

¶2. Counting for the 335 proportional representation (PR) seats is ongoing. The distribution of current PR votes is as follows:

Maoist - 30.8 percent

NC - 21.5 percent

UML - 20.8 percent

MPRF - 5.7 percent

Other Madhesi parties - 4 percent

"Royalist" parties - 4.4 percent

Other (including minor left parties) - 12.8 percent

Significant Loss

¶3. Mahanta Thakur, chairman of the Terai Madhes Democratic Party, lost to an MPRF candidate. Thakur is the only one of the three United Democratic Madhesi Front leaders not to win a seat in the CA.

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